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SUBJ: EVALUATION OF PRONK'S VISIT TO TANZANIA

REF: DAR 686 (NOTAL) AND DAR 762

1. SUMMARY. DUTCH MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
PRONK DURING FIVE-DAY VISIT TANZANIA MET WITH PRESIDENT
NYERERE AND MINISTERS, TALKED WITH LIBERATION FRONT REPS
AND VISITED DUTCH AID PROJECTS. PRONK IS BLATANTLY
PRO-TANZANIAN AND SINCERELY SYMPATHETIC TO AIMS LIBERATION

FRONTS. IN THIS REGARD, PRONK IS FORCING DUTCH POLICY IN
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THIS AREA. AS RESULT, DUTCH-TANZANIAN RELATIONS

NOTABLY ADVANCED BY VISIT WHICH MAY CONTRIBUTE TO RAISING DUTCH STOCK IN OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. ROBERT VAN NOUHUYS, NUMBER TWO AT NETHERLANDS EMBASSY AND IN CHARGE DUTCH AID TO TANZANIA, TOLD DCM MARCH 7 MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION J.P. PRONK HAD FOUR PURPOSES IN MIND IN VISIT TO TANZANIA: (A) DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE BEST MEANS TO HELP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SPECIFICALLY TO ASSIST LIBERATION FRONTS; (B) DISCUSS WITH TANZANIAN MINISTERS DUTCH BILATERAL AID PROGRAM; (C) MEET WITH LIBERATION FRONT LEADERS TO DISCUSS MECHANICS OF GETTING DUTCH AID TO PEOPLE IN LIBERATED AREAS; AND (D) MEET WITH DUTCH SERVING IN TANZANIA AND VISIT REPRESENTATIVE DUTCH ASSISTANCE PROJECT.

3. MEETING WITH NYERERE: MWALIMU EXPRESSED WELL-KNOWN TANZANIAN VIEW IN FAVOR UNTIED AID AND AID IN WHICH ONCE PROJECTS AGREED UPON, DONOR SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES ESSENTIALLY ENDED. PRONK REPLIED HE FAVORED PRINCIPLE OF UNTIED AID, BUT COULD NOT INITIATE WITHOUT OTHER MAJOR DONORS ALSO ACCEPTING SAME PRINCIPLE. DUTCH SEEKING TO REDUCE TO MINIMUM SUPERVISORY REPORTING ON PROGRESS AGREED PROJECTS, BUT COULD NOT ELIMINATE SUCH REVIEW COMPLETELY. PRONK PROMISED NYERERE CURRENT 11 MILLION GUILDER GRANT AND 10 MILLION GUILDER LOAN (TOTAL ABOUT DOLS 7MILLION) AID PROGRAM WOULD INCREASE IN COMING YEARS BECAUSE TANZANIA MET DUTCH CRITERIA FOR AID, I.E. TANZANIA IS AMONG 25 POOREST COUNTRIES AND DUTCH SYMPATHETIC TO TANZANIAN SOCIAL, HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES. IN THIS REGARD, PRONK ADDED, THOUGH KENYA INCLUDED IN DUTCH AID CONCENTRATION COUNTRIES, DUTCH AID WOULD NOT INCREASE THERE. NYERERE LAUDED PRONK FOR DUTCH DECISION PUT AID TO LIBERATION FRONTS OFFICIALLY IN GOVERNMENT BUDGET. PRONK SAID DUTCH HUMANITARIAN AID TO PEOPLE IN LIBERATED AREAS WOULD ALSO INCREASE NEXT YEAR. CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENT GUINEA-BISSAU, PRONK SAID DUTCH SEEKING TO ENLIST OTHER EUROPEANS E.G. SCANDINAVIANS, BELGIANS AND PERHAPS NOW BRITISH TO MAKE COORDINATED DEMARCHE TO PORTUGAL. EITHER PORTUGAL GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO GUINEA-BISSAU OR THIS GROUP NATIONS WOULD OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU. IF THIS

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THREAT DOES NOT WORK ON PORTUGAL, DUTCH PROPOSE ALL IN GROUP RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU AT OPENING UNGA IN SEPTEMBER. SUBSEQUENTLY, PRONK TOLD VAN NOUHUYS THAT

IF NORDIC COUNTRIES DECIDE AT APRIL 5-6 MEETING TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU HE WILL URGE DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO FOLLOW SUIT IN ORDER NOT TO APPEAR TO BE LAGGING BEHIND. WHEN VAN NOYHUYS EXPOUNDED MORE TRADITIONAL DUTCH

POSITION ON RECOGNITION ISSUE, PRONK ACCUSED HIM OF BEING "LEGALISTIC" AND HE PRESSED VIEW THAT DECISION TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA BISSAU IS "POLITICAL".

4. MEETING WITH MINISTERS: PRONK NOTED DUTCH INTENTION TO RAISE AID LEVEL FROM .7 TO 1.2 PERCENT GNP. REPEATED COMMENTS CONCERNING UNTYING AND CONTROLS ON AID MADE TO MWALIMU. OFFERED TO GIVE TANZANIANS MORE SAY IN GRANT-LOAN SPLIT IN ASSISTANCE AND AMEND AGREEMENTS TO

PERMIT PROCUREMENT LOCALLY MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS. FINANCE MINISTER MSUYA WAS NOT IMPRESSED BY THESE CONCESSIONS. VAN NOUHUYS SAID IT IS NOT CLEAR TO HIM HOW PRONK EXPECTED EMBASSY TO IMPLEMENT HIS PROMISE TO GIVE TANZANIANS GREATER SAY IN GRANT-LOAN SPLIT, I.E. VAN NOUTUYS SPECULATES TANZANIANS WILL LOGIALLY OPT FOR COMPLETE GRANT PROGRAM.

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5. MEETING WITH LIBERATION FRONT REPS: PRONK TOLD REPS OF MOZAMBIQUE LIBERATION FRONT (FRELIMO), POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (MPLA) AND OAU AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE (ALC) THAT DUTCH PARLIAMENT WANTED AID TO GO TO PEOPLE IN LIBERATED AREAS, WHICH WHY DUTCH NOT INTERESTED AT THIS TIME IN AID TO LIBERATION FRONTS OPERATING IN RHODESIA, SOUTHWEST AFRICA OR SOUTH AFRICA. PARLIAMENT ALSO WANTS AID BE CHanneled THROUGH UN AFFILIATED AGENCIES. IF UN AGENCIES WILL NOT HANDLE FUNDS FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, PRONK ASKED REPS IF THEY WOULD PREFER THEM THROUGH WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OR THROUGH OAU'S ALC. FRELIMO REPS SAID UNESCO HAD ONCE CHanneled DOLS 35,000 IN AID TO THEM. IT TOOK THREE CONFIDENTIAL

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YEARS TO RECEIVE. FRELIMO IS NOT INTERESTED IN THAT KIND OF AID. FRELIMO AND MPLA HAD NO TELLING ARGUMENTS WHY AID SHOULD NOT BE CHanneled THROUGH WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OR OAU LIB COMMITTEE, BUT HELD OUT FOR DIRECT AID. (ALC REPS HAD TOLD VAN NOUHUS BEFORE PRONK ARRIVED THAT DUTCH FUNDS BEST CHanneled THROUGH THEM BECAUSE SOMETIMES FUNDS SENT DIRECTLY TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WERE SPENT BY LIB REPS FOR THEIR OWN PLEASURE. HOWEVER, ALC REPS DID NOT REPEAT THIS OPINION TO PRONK DURING THEIR PRIVATE TALK WITH HIM.) PRONK SAID HE APPRECIATED VIEW LIB REPS, BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO TRY UN ROUTE WHICH HE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE SLOW AND UNRESPONSIVE. HE WOULD REPORT BACK TO LIB MOVEMENTS BY MAY ON HOW 12.5 MILLION GUILDERS (FOUR PLUS MILLION US DOLLARS) WOULD BE ALLOCATED AND DISBURSED. WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ALREADY ALLOCATED HALF MILLION GUILDERS FROM THIS TOTAL TO FIGHT RACISM. PRONK PROMISED SEEK INCREASED FUNDS FROM PARLIAMENT NEXT YEAR FOR LIB MOVEMENTS. PRONK QUERIED LIB MOVEMENTS REPS THEIR REACTION TO GENERAL SPINOLA'S BOOK WHICH CREATING SUCH POLITICAL FUROR IN PORTUGAL. FRELIMO REPS SUSPICIOUS AND CONFIDENT THEY CAN WIN INDEPENDENCE THROUGH CURRENT ARMED STRUGGLE. MPLA REPS, HOWEVER, ADMITTED THEY DO NOT EXPECT MILITARY VICTORY IN ANGOLA. THEIR EFFORTS AIMED AT KEEPING PRESSURE ON PORTUGUESE IN HOPES WINNING POLITICAL CONCESSIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY, PRONK TOLD VAN NOUHUYS HE IS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH FRELIMO'S LEADER SAMORA MACHEL WHO HE PERSONALLY LIKED. DUTCH SHOULD SIMPLY GIVE MONEY TO LIB MOVEMENTS DIRECTLY WITHOUT ANY STRINGS OR TRYING TO CHANNEL THROUGH ONE OR ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

6. MEETING WITH DUTCH COMMUNITY: PRONK CHIDED BY DUTCH EMBASSY OFFICERS DURING SEVERAL ALL-DUTCH EVENINGS DURING VISIT THAT HE SEEING THINGS IN EAST AFRICA IN TOO BLACK AND WHITE TERMS, WITH KENYA WEARING BLACK HAT AND TANZANIA WHITE. THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK HERE SEE THINGS IN GRAYER TERMS. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE CORRUPTION IN KENYA RIFE, PACE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THERE WHICH BENEFITING ALL KENYANS TRULY IMPRESSIVE. CONTRARILY, WHILE TANZANIA TALKS OF HIGH IDEALS, PRACTICE CONFIDENTIAL

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IS SOMEWHAT LESS IMPRESSIVE. RECENT RASH OF ARBITRARY ARRESTS AND CURRENT LINES OF PEOPLE IN DAR ES SALAAM WAITING TO BUY SCARCE BREAD AND FLOUR WERE CITED. PRONK REPLIED TANZANIA WOULD NO DOUBT MAKE MISTAKES IN TRYING TO IMPLEMENT ITS HUMANITARIAN AND SOCIALIST IDEALS, BUT DUTCH SHOULD BE PATIENT AND UNDERSTANDING. TANZANIAN GOALS WERE UNQUESTIONABLY SOUND AND INSPIRING. TANZANIA WOULD OVERCOME THESE MISSTEPS. IN ADDITION, PRONK SAID, THE PEOPLE IN HOLLAND WHO HAD ELECTED HIM TO OFFICE WERE NOT INTERESTED IN CARPING DISPARAGEMENTS OF A COUNTRY LIKE TANZANIA. THEY IDENTIFIED WITH TANZANIANS AND WANTED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES (PRONK) TO HELP SUCH PEOPLE.

7. COMMENT: VAN NOUHUYS SAID PRONK IMPRESSED ALL HE MET. HE IS NOT DOGMATIC, IS PREPARED TO LISTEN, BUT DOES HOLD STRONG VIEWS WHICH HE WILLING EXPOUND FAR INTO NIGHT--ONLY TO BE UP NEXT MORNING READY TO GO AND AONDERING WHERE TELS ARE FOR HIS REVIEW OF HIS TALKS PREVIOUS DAY. HE WAS WELL AND WARMLY RECEIVED HERE BECAUSE SO MUCH OF WHAT HE HAD TO SAY TANZANIANS WANTED TO HEAR. INCREASING PUBLIC SUPPORT TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BY NORTHERNHEUROPEANS, HOWEVER, IS INCREAS-
INGLY HIGHLIGHTING OUR OWN INACTIVITY IN THIS AREA.
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